

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to drawing FIGS. 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9.

These sheets replace the original sheets including drawings FIGS. 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9.

REMARKS

The Applicant has amended paragraphs [0028], [0031], [0040], and [0041] of the specification for editorial purposes.

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2005.

Claims 1 through 32, 34 through 66 and 68 through 75 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1 through 31, 37 through 65, and 71 through 75 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 32, 34 through 36, 66 and 68 through 70 stand rejected. Applicants have amended claims 32 and 66, and respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Anticipation Rejections

Anticipation Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 5,809,987 to Wark et al.

Claims 32, 34 through 36, 66 and 68 through 70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wark et al. (U.S. Patent 5,809,987). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, as hereinafter set forth.

Applicants assert that a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.

Verdegaal Brothers v. Union Oil Co. of California, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

After carefully considering the cited prior art, the rejections, and the Examiner's comments, Applicants have amended the claimed invention to clearly distinguish over the cited prior art.

Applicants assert that the Wark et al. reference does not anticipate the claimed inventions of presently amended independent claims 32 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 because the Wark et al. reference does not identically describe each and every element of the claimed inventions in as complete detail as is contained in the claim.

Turning to the cited prior art, the Wark et al. reference describes a wafer cutting chuck used with a wafer cutting blade for cutting a semiconductor wafer into dice by dicing the wafer along the street indices.

Applicants assert that the Wark et al. reference does not identically describe the elements of the inventions set forth in presently amended independent claims 32 and 66 calling for "sawing at least one other semiconductor device from said substrate by laterally indexing of the saw using one of a multiple greater than one of a fixed interval and a variable interval". The Wark et al. reference contains no description whatsoever regarding such an element of the presently claimed inventions. At best, Applicants assert that the Wark et al. reference saws semiconductor devices using a multiple of one to index the saw to the next street on the wafer. Therefore, presently amended independent claims 32 and 66 are allowable as well as dependent claims 34 through 36 and 68 through 70 therefrom respectively.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claims 32 and 66 above should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application to clearly comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 132.

CONCLUSION

Claims 32, 34 through 36, 66 and 68 through 70 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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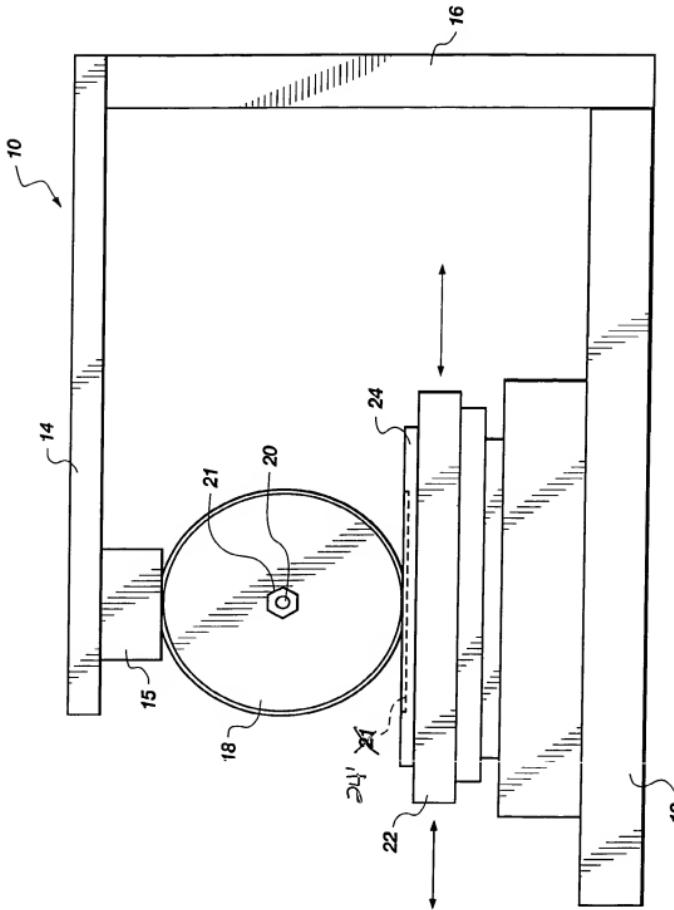


Fig. 1

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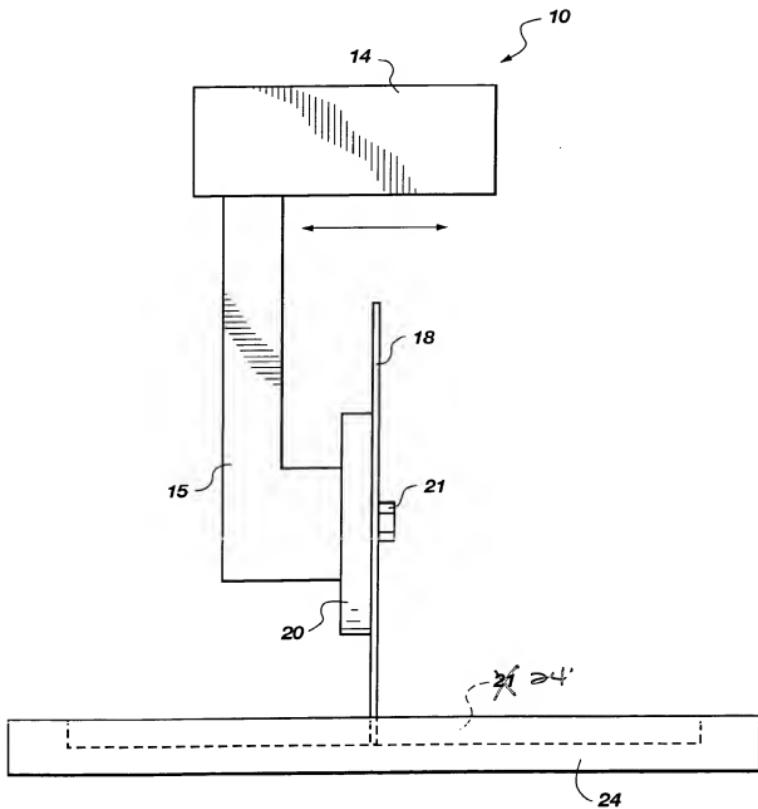


Fig. 2

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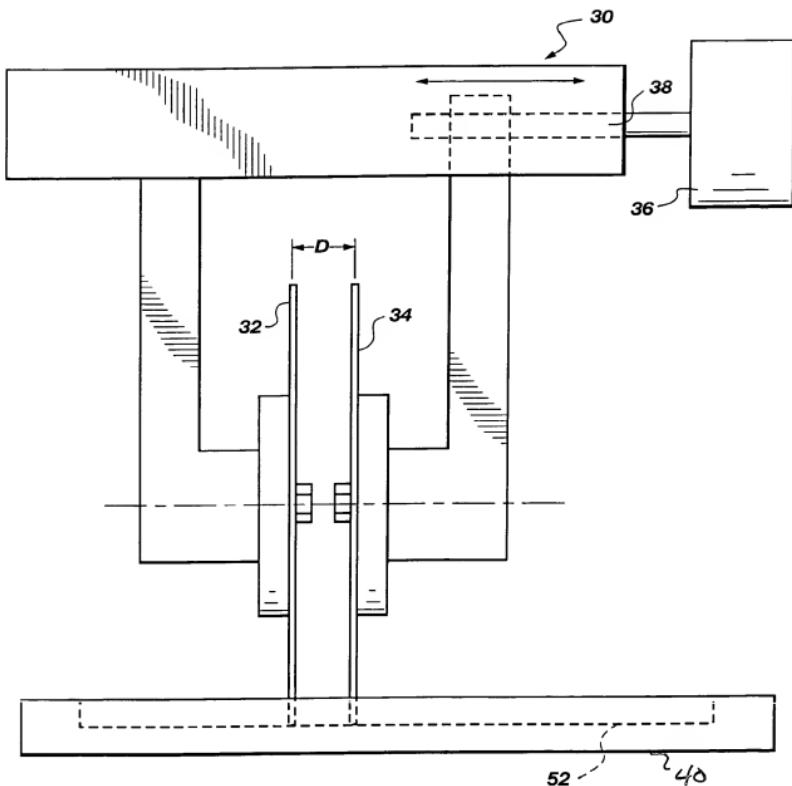


Fig. 3